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Sophomores Present Dance Tonight *Annual Dramatic Club Play Thursday*

CAST OF THIRTEEN IN PLAY THIS YEAR

"Death Takes a Holiday" In College Auditorium

The Dramatic Club promises to live up to its fine reputation when it presents "Death Takes A Holiday" Thursday night, November 2. It is the powerful story of Death, feared and lonely, on a search to discover why men fear his coming, why they cling to life. How he finds the reason for man's love of life and the result of his association with mortals make a sad but compelling climax.

Warren Wiebust will portray Death who falls in love with Grazia, a gentle sensitive young girl, played by Sirrka Waris. Ursula Mulcahy plays the role of the Princess, Grazia's mother. Thomas Sweeney plays the part of the fear-strained Duke Lambert, host of Death and Helen Gibson is the Duchess.

Herbert Downs portrays the Baron, an aged statesman and still a bit of a dandy. John Murphy, in the role of Corrado, loves Grazia and strives for her love with Death as a rival.

Beverly O'Donnell and Mary Ward play the parts of Alda and Rhoda, respectively. They are

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BANQUET SPEAKER WRITES DR. HERLIHY

Dr. Herlihy has received a letter of appreciation from Mr. Weldon James, a member of the United Press, who spoke at the

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WALTER VORSE
Captain of Soccer Team

F.T.C. TIES NICHOLS, 4-4

The F. T. C. booters playing against the wind and Nichols Jr. College pushed across a 4 to 4 tie last Monday at Dudley.

The game was played under a handicap for both teams. There was a strong wind which blew the ball continuously toward the West goal.

The score was close throughout the game. Kosciusko scored in the first two minutes of play. Then Panella of Nichols scored soon after. However, Vorse put F. T. C. ahead with a fine boot through the goal. Before the half ended Timmons of Nichols scored again to make the score 2 all.

In the third period Timmons again scored. Nichols held F. T.

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MUSIC FURNISHED BY PHIL SCOTT

Class of '42 Promises Outstanding Presentation

To the scintillating rhythm of Phil Scott and his up-and-coming dance band, the college will step out tonight at the Sophomore Dance in the College Library at 8:00 p. m.

Between the time The Stick reaches you and the time when the first few bars of music are heard, the library will undergo a complete metamorphosis. The decorations which have been executed by William Burns, Shirley Perry, and their committee are strikingly different and will, in all probability, stand out as one of the finest jobs of decorating the college has seen in its many dances in the library.

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GROUP LEAVES TODAY FOR BOOK FAIR

A party of 100 Fitchburg students and faculty members leave this noon for Boston to attend the Herald Book Fair, which has been in session all this week, with afternoon lectures by outstanding figures in contemporary literature.

The trip locally is sponsored by Mr. Harrington, Mr. Foth and Miss Nixon of our History and Literature departments, who will accompany the group.

Among the speakers on today's program, which is chiefly concerned with historical literature,

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Editorial—

On the newspaper table in the library are to be found our exchanges. To explain what we mean by this term, it is easiest to say that we exchange papers with other colleges; and the papers which we receive in return for *The Stick* are called the exchanges.

This practice of trading publications is carried on to a great extent by many schools, and we ourselves have a large exchange list. In addition to retaining last year's publications on the list, we intend to add more as time goes on.

These publications are not for staff use nor do we get them just because other colleges want copies of *The Stick*. Our exchange department is maintained for all members of Fitchburg. We want you all to get interested in the doings of other colleges—read the papers and you will find many items which will prove interesting. You may know members of the colleges and perhaps will find reference to them in their respective papers. And from time to time, you will find F. T. C. mentioned in the publications. Especially is this true with our sister teachers colleges and others with whom we come into contact in an extra-curricular way.

When you go to the newspaper table again, take a few moments to peruse the publications—or even go there expressly for the purpose of reading them.

The Ash Tray

Editor, dear, (ooooooooh Emily!!!)

Today I will discourse on electricity. You know, the stuff that makes you use inappropriate(?) language when you put your finger into an open light socket—the stuff that flashes in a prof's eye when he decides that your ten minute talk which he thought was heading for something, was really nothing more than a meteor that burned itself out before it hit anybody.

Electricity is not put to an important use here at Fitchburg—it is not used for clocks! It irks my fellow beetles considerably, when they're in a classroom and cannot tell what time it is. It doesn't bother Mr. Sullivan very much—he just asks one of the students what time it is. We all realize that there are many of us with faces that would stop even the clock outside Miss McCarty's room but after all, we don't hit all the rooms. (we hit most of them under the new schedules and the one we hit the hardest is the library. Those references are getting longer and longer. Wonder who'll win, teachers or students?) According to one of the Sophs, you either "do all your work and go to class too pie-eyed to recite, or you go to class with a clear enough head to bluff it through."

THE SKULL THICKENS

The heading refers to that band of worthless lowlifes responsible for the disappearance of (1) the Soph banner and (2) the subsequent disappearance of—hold your breath—**THE JUNIOR BANNER**. These desperados stop at nothing. Where are our master minds? Where are the Gee Men? Where are the oh so smart Grammar Masters? Why doesn't someone swipe the Frosh and senior banners? Then we would have something to work on. The Grads would be the only ones left. Bert Bennett had the Junior banner in his room. It disappeared last Friday. When the guilty one is found, oooooh boy, watch the splinters fly.

Aldrich Cousins was heard the other day over in P. A. talking to young Miss Editor—and would you beleive it, my children, he said. "I still say the woman's place is in the home." We wonder which of the two senior girls he was trying to work clear of. How's about it?

I must end—I hear someone approaching—and my identity must not be revealed.

So Long,
The Scarab

F.T.C. MEN IN CO-ED ACTIVITY AT LOWELL

Twelve F. T. C. men left Fitchburg for Lowell, yesterday afternoon in response to an invitation from the Lowell Teachers' College to participate in co-educational activities at that college. This activity was in conjunction with the Lowell survey of the theme Co-educational Recreation to be discussed here in Fitchburg at the W. A. A. conference Nov. 9-11.

The Lowell college consists mainly of girls and in order to experience athletics with men they invited them from the Bridgewater and Fitchburg Colleges.

Walter Vorse, coeducational board member was anxious to accept the invitation because of the interest in this type of activity among the Fitchburg students. There is a growing trend among the Teachers' Colleges toward men and womens' sports and Fitchburg is one of the pioneers in this field.

The boys who enjoyed badminton, ping pong, tennis, etc. with the Lowell girls were: Walter Vorse, Al Shinner, Bill Kon-savage, Chet Smith, Stan English, Henry Kosciusko, Henry Kelly, Gilbert Berry, Bill Powers, Ed Harvey, Tony Tasca and Harry O'Connell.

GLEE CLUB IN OCT. 31 ASSEMBLY

It has been announced that the Glee Club will sing two numbers in the Assembly program on October 31. The numbers, in rehearsal now, are "O Singing Land" Sebelius, and "Katheryn's Wedding" as arranged by Luvaas.

A girls' group of nine voices is being formed for special work. This will include the best voices of the college. According to Miss Curry, there are enough talented singers in the Freshman Class alone to form a fine group of this sort.



MARY WARD
Plays "Rhoda"

"Death Takes a Holiday"

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two young women who come in close contact with Death in his role of lover.

Frank Onischuck plays the part of the Major who faces Death bravely as a soldier should. John Mulski is a young Englishman, Eric, caught up in the bewilderment of Death's holiday.

Dorothy Hackett is the maid and Richard Allen, the butler.

Miss Nixon is directing the play.

COM. DOWNEY NAMES PUBLICITY AGENT

The Commissioner of Education, Mr. Walter F. Downey, recently announced the appointment of Miss Mildred Grant to the department of education staff. She will be the publicity agent of the department and will assist in the planning and coordination of the many news activities of the department and of the State Teachers Colleges.

Dr. Herhily has planned to invite Miss Grant here for a conference with the faculty and student representatives. Her name has been placed on the mailing list of The Stick.

MR. CARPENTER TALKS AT BOSTON, SPRINGFIELD

Mr. Carpenter spoke to the Mass. State Association of Parent Teachers Organizations at their state convention at the Hotel Statler in Boston on Wednesday, October, 18. At this meeting which was attended by over four hundred representatives of the association, the assembly was divided into two groups, those interested in secondary education and those interested in elementary education.

In his talk to the elementary group Mr. Carpenter emphasized the fact that the elementary school has certain definite objectives but that it is a cooperative affair with the school, home church, and community playing an important part.

Mr. Carpenter is also planning to give many other lectures in the near future. On Friday, October 27, he will lecture to the Hampden County Teachers Association at their ninety-first annual convention to be held in Springfield, on the topic "When is a Teacher Ready to Teach." On November 6, he will lecture to the teachers of the schools of Framingham at the invitation of the superintendent, Mr. Burr J. Merriam. On November 16, he will lecture to the Parent Teachers Association of Duxbury on the "Values and Importance of the Consolidated School."

CORRECTION

The Stick wishes to correct two errors which appeared in last week's articles on the new Gaveleer and new Mohawk members. George Parker's name was omitted from the Gaveleer list and Ben Freeman's name was omitted from the Mohawk list.

Eleanor McCarthy '39 is teaching in the first and second grades in Ayer.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION COURSE BEGUN

A new university extension course entitled "Classroom Trends in Elementary Education" now being offered to elementary school teachers of Fitchburg and vicinity is being given by three members of the faculty of the Fitchburg Teachers College. They are Miss Rachel S. Bruce, Miss Elizabeth Quattlander and Miss M. Charlotte Mahoney.

Sponsored by the Study Group No. 6 of the Elementary Principals Association, this course aims to help teachers in regard to three developments in modern elementary school teaching: unit teaching, diagnostic and remedial work in arithmetic, and remedial work in spelling. Lectures and demonstration work with groups of children will be included in the course.

The class met for the first time on Wednesday, October 18, and will continue for 15 weeks.

A second university extension course in "Guidance" is also being offered. This course aims to present significant principles, practices, and trends in modern programs of guidance. Edwin R. Clark, principal of the Teachers College Junior High School, is one of the instructors in this course.

W.A.A. HOCKEY TEAM PLAYS ALUMNI

Tomorrow morning at ten o'clock the Annual Alumnae Hockey Game will be played at Edgerly Field. This game is usually one of the best of the season as it shows the spirit of F. T. C. both in the past and the present. Old friends are given a acquaintances and let us know what it's like to be on the outside of the wall. It is hoped that a large number of the student body will be on hand to greet the Alumnae—you might see one of your old girl's there, who knows?

MR. MACLEAN TO SPEAK IN MAINE

This afternoon Mr. MacLean of our practical arts department will address the State Teachers Convention being held in Lewiston, Maine, on the subject "Drawing and General Education".

Among the main points which will be presented is that interpretational drawing should be stressed in the curriculum. In introducing this subject the meaning of general education is to be developed. Drawing is to be defined and treated from the point of view of its contribution to the individuals. Grade school samples will illustrate his points.

Mr. MacLean will bring out the point that not the amount or the number of drawings should be considered as of the highest importance but that it is the growth in appreciation which should be considered first.

Architectural drawing is a type which should be brought forth for interpretation from the standpoint of the pupils becoming home builders.

DOCTOR PERCIVAL ADVISES FRESHMEN

The second of the weekly freshmen assemblies was held Thursday, October 19. The speaker was Dr. Percival, who was introduced by Mr. McLean, chairman of the Guidance Committee. Dr. Percival spoke about study and study habits as related to college life. He gave many suggestions for study which were very practical and helpful.

The knowledge of correct study habits are very essential in the life of all college students and the points which he outlined or fus will be a definite help in our curricular activities that are to follow. The topic was discussed in a very enlightening manner.

NEW BOOKS ON LIBRARY SHELVES

The books entitled, "The Lardo Map of the World, 1452-1453" by J. Kirtland Wright, with an accompanying map, and a Paulin Atlas of the Historical Geography of the United States, have been placed on the reference shelves in the college library. These books were donated to the School by Miss Marian Webster, formerly teacher of geography, when she retired this past June. The references are of exceptional value in the field of geography and we are greatly indebted to Miss Webster for leaving to us such great help. We appreciate particularly the gift because we know that her interest remains in the school for future years through her gift.

Without doubt the student body will be glad to know that Doctor Herlihy has ordered ten of the most recent "Best Sellers" for the college library. These books have been chosen with the assistance of Miss Nixon, and will be available probably next week.

The non-fiction books include:

Reaching for the Stars by Nora Waln—Not Peace But a Sword by Vincent Sheean—Autobiography by Louis Untermeyer—The Country Lawyer by Bellamy Partridge.

The six fiction books are:

Escape by Ethel Vance—Christ in Concrete by Pietro di Donato—The Brandona by Angelo Thinkell—Abraham Lincoln by Robert Sherwood—Black Narcissus by Rumer Godden—Wickford Point by Marquand.

These books will make a big addition to our library and will probably prove worth while reading by everyone.

Ladies and Gentlemen
First Class Hair Cuts
Gents' Haircuts 35c

Boulder Barber Shop
Next door to the College Spa

Campus Chatter

To the Frosh—Be careful what you do when reporters are around. They find dirt everywhere!

Someone's trying to invent a machine to make the Spa tell all. Wouldn't that embarrass some people???

Van Clemmer (finishing a letter) And I would send you the five I owe you but I've already sealed the letter.

Helene tells us that she likes to spend her time in a drugstore where the soda jerker tells such good jokes that he even once made a banana split.

Stolen apples taste good, don't they—B. and M.?

They say B. C. cuts a wide swathe.

What certain blonde Sophomore, while "hank"ering around for a certain '39 graduate, has resorted to Frosh technique for consolation.

Who said it first?

"Be yourself"—Priscilla to John.

"You nasty man"—Caesar to Brutus.

"Step on it"—Walter Raleigh to Elizabeth.

One of our junior girls tells us this one:

She took her little nephew to Boston via the subway. No sooner had she seated the lad on her lap than his attention was drawn to a woman sitting across from them, who was wearing a coat with a leopard collar.

"Look, Aunt—, that lady has Tarzan's pants around her neck!" Was auntie embarrassed???

Everytime Ted sees a car with a Pennsylvania license, he thinks of this story:

A man stopped by a policeman way up in the backwoods, and

the policeman asked the man where he came from.

"Philadelphia," the man answered.

"Then what be ya doin' with a Pennsylvania markin'?"

And here's one from the P. A. department:

Are you a good carpenter?

Yes.

Then how do you make a Venetian blind?

Put your finger in his eye.

Congratulations

To whoever finds the sophomore banner—maybe it will be found before The Stick goes to press.

To the senior and freshmen classes—they each boast a married man—Bill Donovan, senior, and Frank Romano, freshmen.

To Mary Lewis—"Of course Fitchburg's better than Framingham—I wouldn't have come back if I didn't think so."

To the fellow who takes a girl to the movies if she does a little typing for him. Will you take me to the movies if I type a little for you, T.?

To Ursula Mulcahy's loyalty.

Child Harold in Fitchburg

Once again, my young worthy friends

We turn the pages of our slander book

And pause a moment near the chapter's end

Where Herb and——find a cozy nook.

Herb is filling up the girl with gaff

Of how he played for Walpole at right half.

The week that has passed, as all of you have heard

Was one of sickness, misery and woe

For man has never found a fitting word

To describe this dire disease (unless it's Lowe)

One look at Henry in his trundle bed

Convinced me that the living can be dead.

Whenever Bill and Vi meet in the hall

Poor Burnsie turns as red as red can be

For vividly the night he does recall—

La Bruso came behind him suddenly

It isn't quite as bad as you might think

BUT (Burnsie knows the rest)

Now Jimmie Amsler has a funny way

Of seeing one he terms as 'passing fair'

By meeting her about the close of day

Up in the library. What a ducky pair!

He seems to get about just like his roomie

But yet, my friend, he's never half so gloomy.

Since this column started poetry A few fine critics termed it

'really swell'

But most of all the pauper peasantry

Have called my verses lowly doggerel

Especially a certain young lady Whose character, of course, is

slightly shady.

ALUMNI NOTES

Ernest Savoy '38 of Athol, Mass. has been appointed to a position as principal in Athol.

Geraldine Lyons '39 of Worcester and Claire Salmon '39 of Clinton have secured positions in Maryland. Miss Lyons is teaching Music, Art, and Arithmetic in the sixth and seventh grades of the Oxon Hill School; Miss Salmon is teaching in the fourth grade of the Capital Heights School.

Beulah Mitchell '39 is teacher in the fifth and sixth grades of the Princeton Center School, Princeton, Mass.

John Matyosaitis '39 is at the Abington High School, Abington, Mass., and is instructor in General Shop and General Science.

Charlotte Hanson is teaching in the first and second grades in the Whitney St. Grammar School in Orange, Mass.

Aubrey Hastings '39 has a position in Auburn teaching History in the seventh and eighth grades.

Helmi Matilainen '39 has a position at the Cole Hill School in Morrisville, Vermont.

CLASS OF '42

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The committee requests that the "vandalism" which started at the Freshman Reception will not be continued tonight. Many of the materials used for tonight's dance were loaned to the class and must be returned. Unnecessary pranks or souvenir collecting will necessitate some expense on the part of the Sophomore Class, an expense which everyone knows no class can well afford. Please be careful and do not detract from the enjoyment of others. Guests should make the added precaution of being extremely careful not to rub against the walls—the water paint used in decorating rubs off very easily, and might well spoil a dress or suit.

As in the past, a number of alumni are expected to attend. The Sophomore Class, and the school in general, is looking forward to their being with us, and renewing old friendships.

Refreshments will be served on the main floor, just to the right as you pass from the main lobby into the section near Miss McCarty's and Mr. Harrington's rooms, in order to eliminate the crowding which takes place when they are served just outside the library.

F. T. C. TIES NICHOLS

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C. scoreless in this period.

In the fourth period Kosciusko and Vorse scored for the teachers while Diefenderter scored for Nichols. Two overtime periods were played but the score remained unchanged at 4 all.

Kosciusko and Vorse were the big guns for F. T. C. and Timmons starred for Nichols.

We solicit your patronage

The College Spa

COUNCIL NOTES

Because of conflicts in meetings on Monday afternoons, the Student Cooperative Council will hereafter hold its meetings on Thursday mornings, 11-12.

Nelson Wood has been appointed to serve as temporary representative to the Council for the men from the Freshman Class, and Beverly Wilson as the woman from the Freshman Class. A by-law regarding Freshman representation is soon to be presented to the Association.

The date for the Woman's Banquet has been set for November 21 or 22.

BANQUET SPEAKER

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men's banquet on Wednesday,

In his letter, Mr. James speaks of the general good will that is obvious among our men students and also of the spirit of informality that dominated the evening's affair. He states that this note of general good feeling and informality on our campus was more impressive than he had seen in any of the other thirty or forty lectures to college groups to whom he has spoken.

EPIDEMIC HITS
DORM STUDENTS

The recent epidemic of sickness, which is quite prevalent in the city of Fitchburg and neighboring areas, reached the students of the school this past week. The residents of both Palmer and Miller Halls were stricken in surprisingly large numbers.

Our thanks go to Miss Barnicle and to her assistants for their able supervision and care during this disturbing epidemic.

UPPERCLASSMEN WIN
IN GIRLS' HOCKEY, 4-1

The upperclassmen led by Capt. Hazel defeated the Freshman 4-1 in the first Hockey Game of the season on Monday, October 24. Although the Freshmen lacked the experience and technique of the upper-classmen they put up a good fight and should go far in this field of sport. The Freshmen were led by Capt. Topping and were well supported by Bishop and P. Matthews. L. Szocik scored 2 points and Hughes and Connelly scored 1 goal each, but efficient playing of goal-keeper Topping prevented more goals from being made. The 1 goal for the Freshman was made by Thomas. In spite of the wind and cool weather more interest should be taken in these games by the rest of the supporters of the W. A. A.

BOOK FAIR

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are Kenneth Roberts, author of "Northwest Passage," probably his most famous work; Ben Ames Williams, who has written countless historical tales, many of which are published in our leading magazines; and William Lyons Phelps of Yale University, one of today's leading essayists.

The group from F. T. C. expects to make a swift survey of the fair's exhibits upon arriving. The lectures start at about 3 p. m., and after these are completed they plan to leave immediately for the return trip to Fitchburg, in order to attend the Sophomore Dance.

Extra! The Sophomore Banner has been returned. This happened after the "Ash Tray and "Campus Chatter were printed.

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